

REMARKSI. Rejections Based on 35 U.S.C. §102a. Claims 48 and 49

The Examiner has rejected Claims 48 and 49 as being anticipated by Lott. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's conclusions. However, in order to expedite prosecution of the subject patent application, Applicant has canceled Claims 48 and 49 without prejudice or disclaimer.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

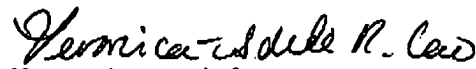
The Examiner's indication of the allowability of Claims 1-47 and Claim 50 is acknowledged with appreciation. Accordingly, the allowance of Claims 1-47 and 50 is earnestly solicited.

III. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that this Amendment, in view of the Remarks offered herein, is fully responsive to all aspects of the rejections tendered by the Examiner in the Office Action. Applicant respectfully asserts that Claims 1-47 and Claim 50 are therefore patentable over the cited prior art.

If there are any fees incurred by this Amendment Letter, please deduct them from our Deposit Account No. 23-0830.

Respectfully submitted,


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